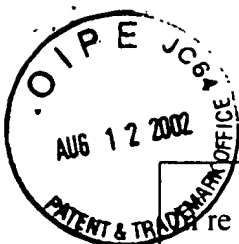


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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, from July 7, 2002 up to and including August 7, 2002, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for filing a response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 7, 2002 in the above-identified application.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 for the extension fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

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